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∑ The allowed claim(s) is/are 8, 11, 12, 15, 17, 19, and 20							
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### **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr.

M. Lee Murrah on August 23, 1996.

The application has been amended as follows:

1. In claim 17, "11, 12, 15, 19 and 20" has been changed to --11, 12 and 15--.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Charles Miller whose telephone number is (703) 305-6202.

The fax phone number for this Group is (703) 308-7726.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or preceding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0956.

Charles Miller August 23, 1996

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